



Rejoice, give thanks and pray to God while going

**“In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer;
I have overcome the world” John 16:33b**

Periodical Message (May 2021)

A Word from us,

The abnormal became our ‘normal’ after nearly fifteen months of continuous attacks against our mind and being; we had been driven from the battle field and narrowly escaped total destruction. The deceptions of the world are ‘refined’ every day to make us feel like losers; added to that false teachers in the Church and some preachers are standing AGAINST God and His true People. Are WE in trouble? Well, it might surprise many if we say NO; the reality is the enemy and those false teachers and preachers are in trouble, because the Lord is sifting His People.

The Holy Spirit is IN and WITH us, teaching us the truth daily and making Jesus known in our life...and through us. Can you SEE the Great Victory? Are you enjoying the Presence of the Lord in your life? We encourage you to please DO; and with us hear the Psalmist say “I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High” Psalm 9:2 and again “Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart” Psalm 32:11. Our Lord has overcome the world, and we with Him...hallelujah!

**Yours in the Lord,
Salman**

A Word according to the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Facing the enemy

If you are fully aware of what is happening in the world, you would agree with me that our time of fellowship together was stolen; our time with our loved ones was stolen; our rest and peace was stolen; our freedom and rights were stolen...etc. Yes, we’ve been robbed in different ways and it seems many gave up, thinking ‘What can I do?’

It is true we are experiencing the worst attack against our faith; against our freedom; against our way of life and against us personally. Those with perverted minds are sitting in offices and deciding about what is right or wrong; their perverted minds though can NOT differentiate between right and wrong – they simply cannot tell which bathroom is for whom, whether a man or a woman! It is encouraging also to hear the Lord Jesus saying this truth “**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly**” **John 10:10**

Dears in the Lord, you and I are also facing a thief today; one who has come to steal our future, our families, our joy, our hope, and our effectiveness on the earth. The liar and father of lies, the devil, will try to convince you and me that victory is just out of reach. In fact he’ll try to distort the Word of God and ‘use it’ to convince us that ‘We all are sinners, and it is NATURAL to live this way’ -- The enemy wants to convince you that ‘You are a loser and there is NO WAY for you to change it’.

We should be encouraged though that **Jesus has made a WAY** for us to have an abundant life, and we could live a Life of Victory and NOT as losers. The Accuser of the brethren is a liar, though he has many

servicing him, but we must understand that we have the power to overtake the enemy. Our Almighty God has called, as well as equipped you and I, to overpower the devil; just hear the Psalmist David put it this way: **“For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall”**

Psalm 18:29 and also **“For thou hast girded/armed me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me” Psalm 18:39**

Did you ever have a gloomy holiday season in your life? Well, be encouraged, because you're not alone many like you are facing many challenges in life. Everyone passes through deep, dark valleys of despair, but if they persevere they will once again reach the heights of joy. I would like to take a vivid example from the history of the United States; General George Washington KNEW deep in his heart that America needed leadership – leadership to courageously dedicate himself to the cause and lead the colonists through the crisis to victory. Yes, G. Washington began to understand that courage and perseverance in the face of conflict and danger will gain the inevitable triumph, though he knew that ‘These are the times that try men’s souls’ and this is but one example from history. Brother, if this holiday season presents you with some challenging tasks, then be encouraged from the example of a ‘brother in arms’ from the past.

Consider also the encouragement from the Scripture: **“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness” Isaiah 41:10.**

Facing all kind of difficulties in the world, many disappointments at the Church and even misunderstanding home, from our own families, could cause us to think ‘Oh, I am alone. God is NOT with me. I am weak...!’ When we look to God in prayer we must never think of Him as meeting us with a frown, with His arms folded, and scolding us for not praying earlier. Nor does God scrutinize our prayers for errors, like a grammar teacher reviewing an assignment. For prayer is not an incantation made of a carefully constructed formula. Prayer is our heart communicating with God and that is the way ALWAYS and especially when we are facing challenges in the world. Do you feel alone and ‘abandoned’? Well, I know many believers who think so; be encourage, dear believer, they are wrong, because our God will never let us alone facing a fierce enemy. Do not tremble when you face the enemy; you have the weaponry of Christ, the fellowship of brothers and sisters who are there to help, and Jesus, the great General, promised to never leave you, nor forsake you -- you are never alone!

And even if we cry out to Him in our own peculiar frequency, God homes in on it and hears us loud and clear; and even if the likelihood of hearing from us is remote, God always looks and turns His ‘ear’ toward us. And He rejoices to see our face directed towards heaven (Towards HIM!) and hear our voice, no matter what we ask or what we say. As a Soldier of Christ, you should know and have the confidence that ‘The General’ hears everything you say, because He doesn’t want the enemy to think that you are alone, abandoned and have nobody to defend you.

This always remind me of the Father of that Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Day after day he scanned the horizon for any sign of his son; the Father is ALWAYS there for us, His children. So when the ragged silhouette of his son finally appeared, the father ran to him and embraced and kissed him, even though the boy reeked. There was no lectures from the father on how the son had hurt him and disgraced the family; no question about the squandered money and no frowns. He was too happy to have him back and the father only smothered his son with love. THIS should encourage every believer who is facing troubles in the world, who is facing persecution, who is facing daily attacks of the enemy that our God is fighting for us. In the Book of Ephesians Paul the Apostle instructs us “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. **Put on the whole armour of God** that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” **Ephesians 6:10-11**. It might be put in other words ‘Have strength in your inward parts. Walk in right relationship with God’.

The Spirit is prompting me to tell you ‘Know your Bible, for it is your weaponry’

I encourage you to have faith, that you are not facing the enemy alone. Ask the Lord to give you a vision of who you truly are in Christ, a vision of why “...even the demons believe and tremble” James 2:19. The prophet Elisha once prayed something similar in order to encourage his fearful servant “... Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them...” **2 Kings 6:16**. When we face the enemy we MUST resist him, and he will flee, as Scripture tells us “Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” James 4:7**

So let’s come with the confidence a child has, when he or she comes to their loving parent. Our Lord Jesus told us that we should expect immensely more from our heavenly Father than from any earthly parent

“Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, **how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:9-11.** So let’s look to Him Who delights in our prayers and thanksgiving; the One Who fights for us and the Almighty God Who is willing to come down to earth in order to destroy the works of the devil and free us from the bondage of sin. May you feel encouraged through the victories of millions and millions of believers before you, who faced the enemy and passed the test triumphantly; the Church still exists because the One building it, our Lord Jesus, is WITH US when we face the enemy – thanks be to God!

Prayer Ideas

- 1.** We pray to the Father in heaven, asking Him to give us the courage and strength, and wisdom from above, to do what is right. We ask our Father to enable us to fulfill the work He’s called us to do. Please agree with us and say ‘Amen’.
- 2.** Lord, people are full of fear of everything, also because of this so-called ‘Pandemic’; strange enough they have fear of everything, so it seems, except from you! We are asking you to put your fear in the hearts of your people, in our hearts, in order to do YOUR Will, and to have strong confidence in YOU and you alone. We ask you, Saviour, to give us guidance according to your will; we trust the Holy Spirit to bring us to where we should be and to use us, when needed by Him, in order to glorify Jesus.
- 3.** This month was a month of surprises and great victories, but also of radical challenges; we thank you Lord and bless your name for making it possible for us to see through your eyes and from a different perspective. We feel confident, that you are at work IN US, especially when we were physically attacked in our own Mission House in Erbil, but restrained ourselves and did NOT hit back. Jesus, we love you and honor your name for speaking to the world through that; thank you for THIS humbleness and may you continue working in us to bear even more good fruits, as you did.
- 4.** We’ve been praying for a breakthrough concerning our Service in the United States; the Two-Class System is ‘functioning’ dividing the world, but also forcing many to ‘accept’ the so-called ‘vaccine’. But our confidence is in YOU, Lord Jesus, and we are asking YOU to speak to us; use Your Word, Your People, Circumstances or even our prayers to speak to us. Give us guidance and lead us to where YOU want us to go, in YOUR time and for your glory. Yes, many are asking, whether we would be coming over to the States, but we cannot give an answer; we will WAIT upon you, Lord.
- 5.** Since the beginning of this year we’ve also been busy with official matters, whether in Iraq or Central Europe; Jesus we ask you for favour. Touch, O, Lord the hearts of those responsible authorities and open doors for us and help us to have everything settled as soon as possible. We ask every believer to join us in this prayer, because it could change our life, the work of our Ministry and help us to orient ourselves and concentrate on the essential.
- 6.** The world is changing daily, the Media is bombarding us with all kind of (mis)information and many are falling in the trap; help us Lord to discern and see things as they are. Don’t let us be cheated or enticed by the ‘sweetness’ of the ‘news’ or ‘information’. We cover ourselves with the precious Blood of Jesus, claiming protection and proclaiming understanding, in Jesus holy name. Lord, guide us through your Word to use it as a Standard to measure and evaluate things; help us NOT to fall in the deception of the enemy or his servants. May YOUR Truth always shine in our life, and may we be guided from victory to victory, in Jesus mighty name we pray. Amen.
- 7.** In such hard times, like these, we ask every believer to join us in special prayer for the widows, the orphans, the sick and needy and the persecuted. May you, Father, keep them safe, well-protected from the attacks of the enemy; guard their minds and keep their body healthy. In Jesus holy name we claim abundance for them, at such a time of lacking, knowing that YOU are The Provider no matter what happens in the world. As your servants we want to thank for your help and provision, and most of all the wisdom you’ve given us to be good stewards to what you put in our hands.
- 8.** We’ve been busy sorting things and finalizing some work in some of the books we’ve written, as guided by the Holy Spirit; help us, Lord, to do the work under the guidance of Your Spirit. We ask you also for provision to publish all what is necessary for your people in time; may all that what you’ve entrusted us with, be published and used for the edification of believers and persuasion of others to come to you. We believe that YOU will use all these books or booklets to speak to your people, as you did with the other

